

MEDICAL FLOWERS, HORTICULTURAL AILMENTS

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Looking through a gardening magazine, I noticed that the names of some of the plants sounded like diseases. Conversely, many medical conditions sound like the names of flowers or plants.

Be sure to deadhead the **angina**; it will produce more flowers that way
 The black and orange **anorexia** is native to Australia
 The red **beriberi** fruit is very sweet but the seeds are bitter
 The pink **bulimia** usually flowers late in the spring
 The **colitis** grows even faster than kudzu
 The night blooming **diphtheria** is unusually fragrant
 The bright colored **dyspepsia** is very easy to grow from seed
 The **elephantiasis** leaves can grow to be four feet long
 If you plant the **gingivitis** bulbs too deep they may not flower this year
 You cannot eat the fruit from the dwarf variety of the **jaundice** tree
 One of the first flowers in the spring is the yellow **malaria**
Meningitis can be grown indoors but you have to give it plenty of water
 The **neuritis** bulbs can only be divided in the fall
Peritonitis does not require a lot of care and makes a good ground cover
 The blue **pneumonia** flowers are out early this year
 The purple **rubella** is available at most garden shops
 The **salmonella** root can be used to make tea
 The variegated **sciatica** makes a good border for the garden
 When you transplant the **streptococci** watch out for the thorns
 The **tularemia** will keep the slugs away from the other garden plants

Agrimony is usually caused by poor nutrition
 The dentist said that **amaryllis** was causing the bone loss around my teeth
 I am not running a fever, so I don't think I have **begonia**
 After doing so much typing I developed **callicarpa** tunnel syndrome
 Most antibiotics are not effective against **elodea**
 If you go to Asia you may want to get inoculated for **frangipani** and dengue fever
Gaillardia is only spread by intimate human contact
 The eye doctor gave me some drops to treat my **gloxinia**
 In rain forest areas **hepatica** is spread by mosquitoes
 When I was five years old I had my **jonquils** taken out
Kohlrabi is usually spread by wild foxes and bats
 When I was practicing for the marathon I developed a **larkspur** on my heel
 When he hit his head his **lobelia** was bruised
 I just felt a sharp pain in my **nasturtium**
 After I stopped smoking my **pulmonaria** started to clear up
 Whenever it starts to rain my **plumbago** starts to act up
 The medical condition for someone who cannot stop laughing is called **psyllium**
 The new expensive antibiotic that was developed is called **trillium**
 When he fell down he fractured his **viburnum**
 After shoveling snow all night I caught a good case of **wisteria**